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## COUNTY CLERK AND HELPERS PLAY CUPID ON VALENTINE'S DAY

*Hundreds of People Expected to Get Married or Renew Wedding Vows at County Marriage Offices*

Couples wishing to get married or renew their wedding vows on Valentine's Day can do so at any of the County Clerk's five marriage offices. Appointments are not necessary and blood tests are not required.

In order to accommodate all of the couples who want to say "I do" on the most romantic day of the year, the County's marriage offices in downtown San Diego, Kearny Mesa, Chula Vista, El Cajon and San Marcos will stay open an extra hour. The offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Valentine's Day is always a special day in our offices," said Gregory J. Smith, Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk. "It's a pleasure to share in the joy of each bride and groom and help them have the most romantic and memorable wedding day."

Couples should expect to pay \$50 for the marriage license and \$50 for the ceremony. Couples may also choose to have their wedding webcast on the Internet or have the ceremony videotaped. Additional mementos include a Polaroid photo, commemorative pen used to sign the marriage license, or keepsake marriage certificate.

Last Valentine's Day, nearly 250 couples were married at County offices. Many of those couples chose to be married at the County Administration Center downtown where there's an option to have the ceremony in the Clerk's second-floor marriage room or at the outside wedding arbor overlooking San Diego Bay. The following are the locations and phone numbers for the County's marriage offices:

- Downtown San Diego, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 273 – (619) 237-0502
- Chula Vista, 590 Third Avenue – (619) 498-2277
- El Cajon, 200 S. Magnolia Avenue – (619) 401-5750
- Kearny Mesa, 9225 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard – (858) 505-6226
- San Marcos, 334 Via Vera Cruz, Suite 150 – (760) 940-6858

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